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Applicant : HUNT, Kenneth W., et al
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Examiner : TRUONG, Linh T.
Docket No.: : VAC.705.US

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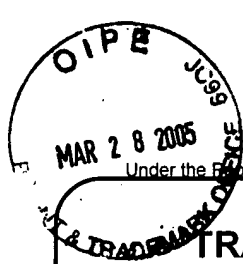
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2. Fee Transmittal Form (in duplicate for accounting purposes);
3. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)
3. Appellants' Brief on Appeal of the final rejection dated May 10, 2004 (14 pages);
in triplicate;
4. Claims Appendix (3 pages) in triplicate;
5. Appellants' Evidence Appendix (6 exhibits) in triplicate; and
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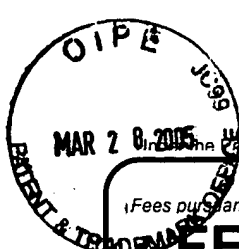
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FEE TRANSMITTAL
For FY 2005☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
_____ - 20 or HP = _____	x _____	= _____				

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Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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